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Mr. Aster Adams, Chief
Competitive Markets & Policy Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Pkwy
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Re *Joint Application of GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. and Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. for Expedited Approval of (i) the Transfer of Assets, Including the Customer Base, of GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. to Business Productivity Solutions, Inc., (ii) the Transfer of GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc.'s Operating Authority in Tennessee to Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. and (iii) GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc.'s Discontinuance of Service in Tennessee*
Docket No. 04-00370

Dear Aster,


Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of the Response to the Staff's Data Request No. 1 submitted on behalf of GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Yes, GEBPS has filed similar applications or given notice to state public service commissions in all fifty states, where required. The Asset Purchase Agreement described in the Application covers the entire GEBPS customer base and all of its telecommunications authorizations. GEBPS is authorized to provide resold long distance services virtually nationwide. Thus, the Applicants have filed for a transfer of assets and/or new authorizations for BPS virtually nationwide. The filings are pending in each state at this time.

2. Has GEBPS filed this petition or notice with the FCC? If so, please provide the docket or file number.

GEBPS intends to file an application for authority to transfer assets with the FCC shortly. A copy of the application will be provided to the TRA upon filing. In addition, the Applicants will file a slamming notification with the FCC in CC Docket No. 00-257 pursuant to the FCC's slamming rules, 63.1100 et seq., which will include a copy of the customer notification letter and certify that the Applicants are complying with the FCC's slamming rules. A copy of the slamming notification will also be provided to the TRA upon filing.

3. Confirm that GEBPS is discontinuing business in Tennessee.

Yes, that is correct. Upon completion of the customer transfer from GEBPS to BPS, GEBPS will discontinue business in Tennessee.

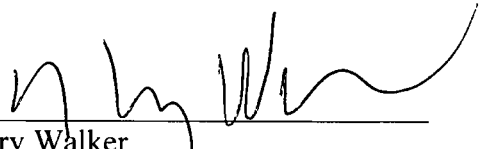
4. Is GEBPS discontinuing business in other states as well?

Yes, GEBPS is discontinuing business in all of the other states. As noted above and in the Application, pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, BPS will acquire all of the customers and telecommunications authorizations of GEBPS, in all states.

GEBPS will no longer do business in any state after consummation of the Transaction.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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